



NADD Prepares for September Meetings



Row 1: Deacons Bill Ladroga, Bob McCoy, Mike Jelley, Gerald DuPont, Sam Anzalone, Steve Rangel, Justin Green

Row 2: Deacons Mike Berstene, Tom Lang, Bob Puhala, Mr. Joe Michalak, Frank Iannarino, Bert Cambre, Arden Wolteman, Rev. Frank Ready, Dcn. Joe Devizia

Missing: John Sicilia

The NADD office is preparing for the September meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors in Columbus. Both bodies will have abbreviated schedules compared to previous years in keeping with the conservative fiscal budget for FYE 2010.

The Executive Committee will meet on the morning of September 17. The Board of Directors will begin meeting during the afternoon of the 17th, break for dinner, and then reconvene on the morning of the 18th. The meeting will adjourn at noon on the 18th.

NADD 2010 Officer Nominations Now Being Accepted

Nominations for Chair and Secretary/Treasurer are now being accepted. The position of Chairperson becomes open as Deacon Sam Anzalone (Diocese of Birmingham) completes his second term, and the position of Secretary/Treasurer becomes open because Deacon Bob McCoy (Diocese of Davenport) has chosen not to seek a second term.

The responsibilities for both officer positions are listed in the NADD *Constitution and Bylaws*. Each office carries a two-year term with the possibility of serving a

second consecutive term. Persons elected to either position become members of the Executive Committee. The NADD Nominations/Elections Committee is now soliciting the names of potential nominees. Nominees are required to hold current NADD voting membership. The election will occur during the business meeting of the 2010 NADD convention in Spokane.

Among topics to be discussed are FYE 2009 fiscal results, an update on membership renewals, strategic planning, nominations for Chair and Secretary/Treasurer, and plans for the 2010 convention in Spokane, Washington.

NADD board members will have an opportunity to meet the new rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum at dinner on the 17th. Fr. James Wehner comes to Columbus from the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Prior to this assignment, Fr. Wehner served as formation director in Pittsburgh and was a member of NADD.

Please submit nominations for yourself or others to the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Deacon Gerald DuPont (Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston).

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NADD CALENDAR

Sept. 16 Exec. Committee Mtg. Pontifical College Josephinum Columbus, Ohio

Sept. 17, 18 NADD Board Mtg. Pontifical College Josephinum Columbus, Ohio

Nov. 26, 27 Thanksgiving NADD office closed

December 24, 25 Christmas NADD office closed

January 1st NADD office closed.

March 31-April 2 Easter NADD office closed.

April 13 - 19 NADD Convention in Spokane, WA. NADD office closed.

Cardinal Highlights the Richness of the Diaconate

Cardinal Claudio Hummes, the prefect for the Congregation for Clergy in Rome, shared his views on the richness of the diaconate in a letter written on August 10 – the feast of St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr.

Cardinal Hummes shared the observation that when bishops come to Rome for their *ad limina* five-year visits, they are “generally very much pleased and full of hope in regard to you, permanent deacons.” He also added that “the Church would like to encourage you on the way of personal sanctification, in your prayer lives and in the spirituality of the diaconate.” The Cardinal further discussed the deacon in terms of ministry of the Word and of charity.

For the full text of the article, go to: www.zenit.org/article-26622?l=english or search the zenith.org list of article that appeared on August 18, 2009.

Discover Retreat and Workshop Opportunities with Deacon Alfred Mitchell

Former NADD president and NADD award recipient, Deacon Alfred Mitchell, is available as a retreat director or workshop facilitator for your next diaconal event. Deacon Mitchell has facilitated dozens of retreats and workshops at dioceses throughout the U.S. including pre-ordination retreats, annual retreats and workshops on homiletics and storytelling.

In addition to serving as an officer with NADD, Deacon Mitchell was the Director of Deacon Personnel for the Archdiocese of Atlanta from 1990 to 2005. He is a founding member of the National Association of African American Catholic Deacons, and a past-president of NDICE. Deacon Mitchell has received the NADD Bart O’Leary Award (1999), the NADD William Philbin Award (2005) and the NADD Recognition Award (2005). Please contact Deacon Mitchell to book 2010 events: 404-288-7804, by email: dcafred875@bellsouth.net, or via his website: www.deaconalfred.com

Campus Minister Training Available for Deacons

The Catholic Campus Ministry Association offers training for deacons who want to become campus ministers. CCMA provides formation, networking and resources that deacons can use as campus ministers to form passionate, faithful leaders and to advance the national vision of Catholic ministry in higher education. For more information, contact Rev. Martin O. Moran, Executive Director of CCMMA at 513-842-0167, extension 13 or by email: moran@ccmanet.org

In Memoriam: Henry L. Bouma, husband of Judy Bouma

NADD mourns the death of Henry L.(Larry) Bouma, husband of NADD’s former administrative assistant Judy Bouma, who died at home surrounded by his family on August 26, 2009. Mr. Bouma had struggled for 18 months with myelodysplastic syndrome. Larry is survived by Judith, his wife of 47 years, their four daughters, six grandchildren and his brother and sister.

In a note received just prior to Larry’s death, Judy reported: “We had a grace-filled time with Larry and our family, when after nearly 48 years of going to Mass with me, he asked to be baptized in the Catholic faith. I cannot tell you how wonderful that was. A young man, Father Tom Doyle, who lived two doors down from us all his life was ordained a priest a couple years ago. Father Tom baptized Larry on Friday night (August 21).”

A memorial Mass will be held at 10:00AM on Saturday August 29, 2009 at St. Edward Catholic Church 3004 11th Street, Rockford, Illinois with Father Thomas Doyle, officiating. Visitation will be held from 6-7:30PM on Friday, August 28, 2009 at Julian-Poorman-Welte Funeral Home, 304 N. 5th Street in Rockford with prayer service at 7:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to his family for a memorial to be established at a later date. For online register, maps and directions, visit www.weltefuneral.com. Judy’s home address is: 2308 Ninth Street, Rockford, IL 61104.

2009 NDICE Conference Attracts 130 Participants

The 2009 NDICE (National Diaconate Institute for Continuing Education) annual conference attracted 130 deacons and wives to Xavier University in July around the theme "Scripture: the Foundation for Diakonia." Presenters focused on the scriptural foundations of diaconal ministry.

Among conference presenters was Bishop Octavio Cisneros who identified diaconal service as giving oneself for the good of another. "In order to be Christ's servant to others, the deacon has to be Christ-like... In order to give bread, you must be bread."

Rev. Thomas Kalita, former instructor in sacred scripture for the diaconate formation program in the Archdiocese of Washington, provided the keynote address. Fr. Kalita linked models of ministry found in Genesis, Exodus and Leviticus to the ministry of deacons. For example, Exodus shows "God's purpose was to bring order out of chaos." "Deacons come into people's lives when there is chaos and trouble. They show how God's presence can bring peace, strength and stability."

Leviticus "began to call prophets to preach in His name, to preach His message." Rev. Kalita noted that deacons who are called to proclaim the gospels "don't preach our own message; we preach what God spoke years ago."

USCCB Posts Missal Website

The USCCB has launched a website to help prepare for changes in the new translation of the Roman missal. The website contains information about the texts, sample wording and explanations about the changes. The final version of the text will be voted on by the bishops this November, then forwarded to Rome. It is anticipated that approval will come in early 2010.

Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Chairman of the Committee on Divine Worship, notes the new texts are "understandable, dignified and accurate. They strive not only to make the meaning of the text accessible for the listener, but they also strive to unearth the biblical and theological richness of the Latin text."

The new missal resource is posted at www.usccb.org/romanmissal.

Board Member and NDI Instructor Michalak Admitted to Candidacy

Mr. Joseph Michalak, whom our Association knows as the Director of Diaconate Formation for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, a member of the board representing Region VIII, and as an NDI instructor, is being admitted to candidacy on September 17. This is his story:

"I've been Director of Diaconate Formation since 2000 and have had a hand in or overseen the formation of over 60 men. We ordain men nearly every year and therefore have two or three classes (cohorts) running concurrently. Because our program meets Tuesdays and Saturdays most weeks September through May and I've sat in or taught most every time, it has been a rather full decade.

Though I began thinking about diaconate for myself in 1996, the then Archbishop preferred I take on the diaconate formation and help roll it over from a three- to a four-year program, develop the aspirancy, develop our relationship with the seminary, and deepen our spiritual foundations. We are now "pausing" our program for further revision which will involve major catechesis with our presbyterate and laity on the diaconate vocation and, hopefully, will position the deacon for a much greater range of ministry.

After being greatly inspired by the holy generosity of the men and women I've worked with and having been humbled by the increasing suggestion by so many that I should be ordained to serve, I have finally listened to my priest and deacon friends--and my wife—who together insist that I've been living a diaconal and ecclesial vocation for years.

Archbishop Flynn and now Archbishop Nienstedt concurred, and given the scope of my background, they determined that my formal formation (under the direction of the seminary Rector) consist of rounding out, so to speak, what is already in place. Therefore, last summer I did hospital chaplaincy internship and will participate with our candidates this fall in prison ministry internship, and I will study rites and practice homiletics at the seminary this coming year.

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Most significantly, I will pull back from some teaching and take advantage of a pause in our own program to devote more time to prayer and immersion in the Word—two habits we have stressed with our candidates for years.

Thus, after being admitted as a candidate on Sept 17, my formal formation will take one year; installation to acolyte and lector will follow in October and next February (I've served in both capacities for over 35 years), and, God-willing, ordination will be with our last current class of candidates next September. I think it is important to realize that in my situation I have a good deal more than the theological or doctrinal formation already in place (though forming the mind is something that can never be finished!). I do have a degree in history and a MA in Theology (focusing on fundamental moral theology), and since 1997 I have been adjunct faculty at the University of St. Thomas and now at the St. Paul Seminary, and I teach and give seminars and retreats and the like throughout the Archdiocese and in other diaconate programs. But before even coming to the diaconate, I had nearly twenty years experience in evangelization, catechesis, and pastoral care, mostly with college students and young adults, but also in parish settings, in marriage and sacramental prep, in formation of young newlyweds, with the marriage tribunal, in grassroots ecumenical settings, and in forming others to do these kinds of ministries. Three of those years were spent in London, England where I worked mainly with international students and immigrants.

Perhaps even more significantly, for over ten years I was a member of an ecumenical, lay, semi-monastic brotherhood where the 24/7 formation was more intensive than even what many religious orders are able to provide. In hindsight, it was diaconal through and through. And I have been blessed to be part of another men's group for the past seventeen years. Finally, I would be remiss not to acknowledge the formation provided by my wife Anne and our five children (one deceased) who are all under the age of twelve. And with an old home which I am slowly rebuilding, a used-book hobby business, soccer-coaching, and the Pittsburgh Steelers to root for, life is indeed full!

My formation will have been between one and fifty years long, depending upon how you look at it. The line from John Henry Newman's sermon "The Ventures of Faith" (1838) captures well my experience: "They pledge themselves as if unawares, and are caught by One mightier than they, and, as it were, craftily made captive." I solicit your prayers." -- *Joe Michalak*